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THIS MORNING'S NEWS.

In New York Saturday Government bonds were quoted at 119½ for 100; 113½ for 4½; 103 for 3½; sterling, 84 23/4 to 16 1/2; 103 for 8½ to 10½; silver bars, 109½.

Silvers in London, £10½; consols, 102 ½ per cent; Scotch bonds, extended, 103½; 4½, 12½; 4½, 13½.

In San Francisco Mexican dollars are quoted at 26½ to 27 cents.

Mining stocks were active in San Francisco Saturday morning, but prices were less firm. Chloral rose to \$5 to Friday evening. Hale & Norcross rose to \$4 to Saturday. Sierra Nevada to \$4. Saturday morning \$7½ was the last bid for Chollar, and there were no bids for the others. Gold closed at the latter figure. For Hale & Norcross \$5 60 was the best bid, and for Sierra Nevada \$4 50.

Frank Mann murdered Mrs. Mary Moore at Milbury, Mass., and then committed suicide.

The baseball season opened at Chicago Saturday with a game between the Chicago and Detroit Clubs. The latter was successful.

Serious errors have been discovered in the postal regulations of the United States Congress.

A detective has secured a Postmaster, near Bradford, Pa., at ended with loss of life.

E. H. Phillips, the Philadelphia Almshouse robber, has been tried and convicted.

An explosion took place on Saturday morning at the Parliament House, England, destroying several persons were killed and many injured.

The bakery strike in Boston continues. Some disturbances have also taken place.

An earthquake has caused much destruction of property at Tabriz, Persia, with the loss of many lives.

From China come reports of two victories obtained by the Chinese troops over the Peruvian irregular forces.

Kelly will have his trial in Dublin to-day.

James K. Kimball, a postmaster, has confessed to the mail robbery.

The Broadhurst defeat, though it has badly shaken the Ministry, will not cause their resignation.

Lightning caused an explosion of gas in a mine near Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Friday night.

Two men were dashed to pieces down a shaft in a Lake Superior mine.

The health of Governor Stanford is said to be improving.

The United States Supreme Court will adjourn to-day for the fall session.

A row occurred at Ansonia, Ala., Friday night, in which one man was killed and a large number wounded.

The Sunday "blue laws" were repealed by the New York Legislature.

William H. Vanderbilt has gone to Europe.

Leonard Wilcott threw himself under a train at Milford, Conn., and cut to pieces.

Rev. James Blasen, pastor of St. Louis' Union Church, died in Dresden, Ont., Saturday.

The trial of Jerry Dunn, for murder of Elliott, the pugilist, began in Chicago to-day.

Jacob Redd shot and killed Levi Arnold at Hill's Ferry, Stanislaus County, Friday.

The Mayor of Portland, Ore., has suspended Chief of Police Lappens.

The wife of Jeter Clinton, a prominent Mormon, has begun at Salt Lake a suit for divorce.

George Brisbane, an aged Brooklyn, N. Y., millionaire, has been arrested for libeling his brother's wife.

The strike on the Manitobah Railroad has ended.

The great dramatic festival closed in Cincinnati Saturday night.

Seventy lives were lost by the Grappler disaster on the British Columbia coast.

The Southern Indian rising in British Columbia is at an end.

Fire at Brownsville.

The railroad depot at Clear Creek, near Redding, was burned Saturday night.

A Mexican and Spanish-American Commercial Exchange has been established at St. Louis.

Three children were struck by lightning yesterday in Winona, Minn., two of them being killed and the third but slightly hurt.

James A. Brown, a well-known citizen of Rock Bluff, died Saturday.

The Recan-Union's domestic and foreign dispatches of Saturday will be found this morning upon the first page.

A CIVIL SERVICE REFORM OPPORTUNITY.

That the public sentiment has undergone a most encouraging change in regard to the reform of the civil service, in the past two years, is patent to the most casual observer.

What was but a forlorn hope when the Civil Service Reform Association was organized, is now a logical, and saving and excepting the machine politicians and bosses, may be said to embrace a majority of all the people. The reform has taken shape in a Congressional act and the appointment of a commission, and both the great parties are pledged to its support. Even the political hacks have given in unwilling adherence to the new system, but are secretly its enemies, and will do, what they are doing, all they dare to bring the experiment into disrepute. Here in Sacramento to-day there presents an opportunity for the test of sincerity in this matter on the part of the Washington authorities. There is reason to believe public expectation will be realized and the principles of the reform applied. This journal would not be true to its constant course in this matter were it to fail to declare that the vacancy in the office of Postmaster of Sacramento should be filled by the appointment of John H. Lewis. For about twenty-two years he has been an attack of the office, and for the last seventeen years chief Assistant Postmaster, and during the greater portion of that time the real Postmaster. In short, the subordinate has, at a meager salary, been the working hand of the officials at the higher. The late incumbent, a prominent and respected citizen, now deceased, himself recognized the fact, and is known to have been the advocate for the promotion of his assistant, in whose favor he was about to resign, and whose knowledge and experience have been relied upon for over twenty years, and whose activity, honesty, fidelity and unquestioned ability earned for him long since the right to promotion. What does civil service reform mean and promise? It means the application to the Government service of the same rules that obtain in well-regulated private business. It promises death to the plunder system; it guarantees the effective performance of public work. The "spoils" practice, on the other hand, means paralysis for honest ambition in the civil service, for it places the subordinate forever at the mercy of a caprice. It holds out no incentive to the subordinate to make a career; it means that he is forever to remain a drudge; it means that he is to be the slave of political chance and official whim. The tendency of this country is all toward making the Government service national service, for the people have arrived at last at a realization of the truth that the "spoils" system gives no promise for the reform of abuses, affords no guarantee of effectiveness of service; considers never that good behavior has any relation to tenure in office, and adds nothing whatever, like the prospect and hope of promotion, to the strength of Government service. The people know now that the "spoils" advocates regard the civil service as a medium for drafts upon the public purse in reward for support given. Omgreement. What business man is there in the community but recognizes the fact that the removal of trusted, long-serving, competent servants in the various governmental departments is an injury to the public service? What man is there but knows that the removal

of these men is liable upon every turn of the political wheel, unless the principles of civil service reform are applied? We hold that in all such cases as that now so prominently before this community, the subordinate who has been faithful, honest, efficient, and has proven his fitness for the place, should be the preferred candidate, for while capacity and honesty should ever be the measure of fitness for all candidates, all things being equal, the subordinate in the line of promotion should have the preference. But without the application of the principles of civil service reform, we have no line of promotion; without ambition we cannot be guaranteed "effective service"; while the veriest duall will realize that without the hope of preferment the best men cannot be retained in the public service, which should hold out hopes of advancement, somewhat approaching to equality with those that offer in the private walks of life. Civil service reform is now beginning in the United States. It is no longer the butt of the bosses, and the owners of the machine men are concerned when it is the topic. True, it is as yet an infant. It may be strangled in its cradle, and it is assuredly will be if the people do not nourish and protect it. We have faith that they will do so, for its principles are right principles, and the right must survive. As stated in the outset, a healthy growth of public sentiment in this matter has set in, and it behoves every good citizen to encourage and stimulate it, by voice and performance. The growth of a nation is through intermediate stages of progress in the approach to the highest plane of political existence on which perfection alone is possible, and whether that can ever be attained or not, the incentive to strive for it remains. One year is all that is required.

The Railroad Commission.

SAN DIEGO, May 5th.—The Railroad Commission arrived here last night, and left for the north at 2 o'clock today. They held no meetings here, there being no complaints of the railroad management.

MORNING.

WATSONVILLE, May 5th.—W. H. Brown, a resident of this county for twenty-five years, died yesterday morning at 7 o'clock. He was a native of Kentucky and a man of 65 years. Death was caused by a heart ailment.

Killed at Hill's Ferry.

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